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1. I PLACE CONSIDERABLE VALUE ON US'S KEEPING AN ARM'S LENGTH BETWEEN ITSELF AND THE MORE OPERATIONALLY ACTIVE ELEMENTS OF THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS ON RHODESIA. THIS LED ME IN REF B TO RECOMMEND AGAINST ATTACHING ANY AMERICAN TO THE CARVER-CHAND TEAM, AND IN MY VIEW ARGUMENTS IN PARA 3 REF B REMAIN BASICALLY VALID.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, I DEFINITELY SHARE GENERAL US DESIRE TO KNOW PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY WHAT IS GOING ON. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE NOW THAT NYERERE MAY BE ABOUT TO INTRODUCE A NEW AND UNPREDICTABLE ELEMENT INTO THE SITUATION (REF C). THE
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FUTURE ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL SEE SIMILAR SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED HAPPENINGS. FINALLY, WHILE NOT EASY IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS, (A) "KNOWING" AND (B) STAYING AT ARM'S LENGTH FOR DECISION-MAKING PURPOSES ARE NOT COMPLETELY INCOMPATIBLE. AND, STEVE LOW IS CERTAINLY THE MAN WHO CAN DO IT.

3. THEREFORE, I NOW FAVOR US PARTICIPATION (SPECIFICALLY STEVE'S)

IN THE CARVER-CHAND ACTIVITIES. THE BEST ROLE FOR HIM, I THINK, WOULD BE AN "OBSERVING" ONE, IN WHICH HIS RELATIONSHIP TO BOTH CARVER AND CHAND WOULD BE IDENTICAL: SUPPORTATIVE BUT NOT FORMALLY PARTICIPATIVE.

4. FYI: IN A QUICK DISCUSSION MORNING OCTOBER 14, FOREIGN MINISTER BEN MKAPA AND I FOUND OURSELVES WITH VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT, I.E., INSTINCTIVELY OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE BUT, IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, MOVED TO BELIEVE EFFORT DESIRABLE AND USEFUL. AS BEN PUT IT, "YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO KEEP ON STIFFENING SPINES."
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